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1. The plan for party activities of the North Korean Labor Party in the Yongsan District of Seoul during August 1950 was classified top secret. It included the following program, as issued in an official directive from KIM Kwil-sun (김기문), chairman of the Yongsan Organization Committee on 10 August. This directive also named persons responsible for each activity:
- a. Organization Department, under the direction of CHO Ch'an-tong (조찬동), chief.
- 1) Till 20 August, instructors of the Organization Department: In party rehabilitation work, straighten out the files on former party members, and organize cells among those whose registration has been approved by the Organization Committee.
 - 2) From 10 to 20 August, YI Ki-u (이기우) and KIM Ch'ang-yol (김창열): Intensity cooperation with government organs, the district People's Committee, and neighborhood People's Committees; guide and supervise their work and discharge from public office those unscrupulous hypocrites still remaining in government jobs.
 - 3) 15 and 20 August, KIM Ch'ang-yol: in order to promote party growth, organize lecture classes among cell leaders to instruct them regarding handling of new members.
 - 4) 16, 21, and 26 August, KIM Ch'ang-yol: in order to educate non-party members, study classes should be organized among them to teach them such subjects as the struggle of our party leaders, revolutionary history of the USSR, etc.
 - 5) 7, 14, 21, and 28 August, KIM Ch'ang-yol and HAN Su-pung (한수봉): in education of new party members, organize lectures classes among them once a week so as to arm them with democratic ideology and organization principles.

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- 6) 12-18 August, KIM Hong-chin (김홍진): the Youth Alliance, despite its large membership, has failed to give its members correct education and training. In order to correct this state of affairs and strengthen the YA cells, the Organization Department of the district party branch shall dispatch organization instructors to give constant guidance to the YA.
 - 7) August, KIM Ch'ang-yol, YI Ki-u, and KIM Hong-chin: Unscrupulous elements are being employed as responsible workers in the lower organs of various social bodies. These men should be exposed and purged and replaced by party members.
 - 8) 13-15 August, CHO Ch'an-tong: Because of lack of ideological unification among its staff members, the district Women's Alliance has failed to make any progress. The party Organization Department shall dispatch instructors to bring about ideological unification.
 - 9) 13-30 August, KIM Ch'ang-yol, YU Chun-yol (유춘열), YI Ki-u, and KIM Hong-chin: The lower organizations of the Women's Alliance in various neighborhoods should be placed under constant guidance and supervision.
 - 10) In order to insure party growth along proper channels, staff members shall be dispatched by the district party branch to each neighborhood.
- b. Propaganda Department, under the direction of HONG Man-ho (홍만호), all activities for the entire month of August.
- 1) CHOI Pong-yun (최봉운): In order to consolidate the propaganda-agitation set-up, the agitators should be reorganized. At least three resident agitators shall be located in each district, and school teachers, students, and cultural workers shall be mobilized for propaganda work.
 - 2) LIM Sun-yong (임선용): In order to intensify the work of supporting the People's Army and of caring for the families of partisans and volunteers, a person to be responsible for such work shall be appointed in each neighborhood and factory.
 - 3) CHON Pong-yun, and KWON Chin-won (권진원): The district People's Committee, Women's Alliance, and Youth Alliance shall jointly undertake the following preparations: Each neighborhood shall keep at least one portrait of Stalin and one of KIM Il-song, an adequate number of national and red flags, and at least twenty wall newspaper boards, etc.
 - 4) CHOI Kin-mo (최근모): Full attendance must be insured at lecture meetings held by city party headquarters. At least eight study classes must be held among cell leaders and former party members in order to elevate their political standard. The cells should organize at least six study classes during the month among the potential party members.
 - 5) CH'OE Tok-an (최탁안): The distribution network of the labor newspaper and other newspapers should be firmly established in the various factories, offices, and neighborhoods.

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- 6) CH'ON Chong-hwa (전충화): In order to unify the propaganda-agitation work in the district, a joint committee of the propaganda heads of the government organs and social bodies in the district shall be organized.

c. Labor Department, under the direction of YI Ch'ang-ha (이창하).

- 1) August, YI Ch'ang-ha and all personnel of the department: In order to attain total mobilization of neighborhood residents for the urgent task of restoring vital industries and factories damaged by the war:
 - a) The neighborhood residents should be reached through social bodies and convinced of the necessity of labor mobilization, so that they will volunteer for the work. Also all jobless workers, technicians, office clerks, etc. should be mobilized.
 - b) Labor mobilization should be carried out daily in every neighborhood, with the cooperation of the People's Committees.
 - c) The light damage suffered by Kyong Ch'ol (경철) (Seoul Railroad Factory) and Tong Yang Chon Sin (동양철신) (Asia Telegraph Factory) should be repaired by 25 August and the factories readied for munitions production. Other factories should also be repaired as soon as possible and proper arrangements made for the semi-finished products.
 - d) Comrades who command the respect of the masses and have rendered outstanding service in the rehabilitation of war-damaged industries and factories should be absorbed into the party.
- 2) 15-20 August, O Kong-t'aek (오공택): The state of administration of principal industrial factories, energy properties, and rebel properties should be inspected and reported to the Organization Committee of the district party branch before 20 August. In the report, special attention should be paid to the care of state-owned buildings, furniture, and fittings and the state of rationing rice to workers.
- 3) 12-15 August, YI Ch'ang-ha, O Kong-t'aek, CH'ON Pong-su, KANG Sung-pok (강성복): In order to protect vital industries and factories, people's self-defense corps should be organized as follows:
 - a) A self-defense unit shall be organized in each factory and industry with men between the ages of 16 and 60 and women between the ages of 16 and 45.
 - b) A red cross unit shall be organized in each factory and industry with women between the ages of 15 and 45. Each unit shall number about ten persons.
 - c) Members of self-defense units shall be given basic training so that they can be mobilized upon instantaneous notice.
- 4) 1-20 August, YI Ch'ang-ha: In order to cooperate in the transfer of labor forces, a thorough investigation of the labor force should be conducted through the Labor Transfer Committee in each neighborhood, and all workers not employed in essential industries and factories should be forcibly transferred.

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- 5) August, the entire department personnel: In order to consolidate the labor union organization, the personnel set-up of the existing unions should be re-examined, union leaders should be given two hours of instruction regularly twice a month, and outstanding comrades among them should be absorbed into the party and factory cells, in the shortest possible time.

d. Staff Personnel Department, under the direction of YI Sang-jol (이상철):

- 1) 10-30 August, CH'OE Wan-yun (최완운), SIN Kŏn-hwa (신건화), PAK Ho-su (박호수): A thorough understanding of the staff workers of the district party branch should be attained so that the right man can be assigned to the right job.
 - a) In order to understand the workers, their everyday attitude toward their work should be investigated and the opinion of their department head should be consulted.
 - b) In the search for future workers in lower organizations, the background of leading members should be examined and the opinion of the cell leader should be obtained.
 - c) The appointment of staff workers should follow this procedure: compilation of staff members' personal histories, comment by an examiner, approval by the Organization Committee, approval by the Staff Personnel Department of Seoul party headquarters.
- 2) 10-30 August, SIN Kŏn-hwa (district People's Committee), CH'OE Wan-yun (district Youth Alliance), and PAK Ho-su (district Women's Alliance): In order to have party cooperation in understanding and replacing staff members of peripheral organizations and government organs:
 - a) The everyday attitude of workers toward their jobs and their ability should be investigated, and the opinion of their superiors should be consulted.
 - b) Future workers should be sought through checking on background of workers in lower organizations and encouraging the admission into the party of outstanding persons among them.
- 3) 10-30 August: Consultation conferences should be held among staff instructors once a week in order to instruct them regarding work policy.
- 4) 10-30 August: SIN Kŏn-hwa, CH'OE Wan-yun, and PAK Ho-su: The internal organization and files of the Staff Personnel Department shall be straightened out, and the necessary statistics on personnel should be compiled.
- 5) Some suitable period: In order to train staff workers above the grade of instructor, party workers in lower organs should be given special training, as follows:
 - a) About thirty members should be sent to the short-term training course sponsored by the city party headquarters.
 - b) About 15 members should be sent to the city party school.

2. Two resolutions were issued by the Organization Committee of Yongsan District on 9 August 1950. The first, regarding party rehabilitation and expansion work,

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read as follows: The South Korean Labor Party, which had been carrying on an underground struggle for the independence and unification of Korea under the cruel suppression and indescribable despotism of Syngman RHEE's puppet police, finally emerged into open existence on 23 June when Seoul was liberated by the heroic People's Army from the grip of Syngman RHEE's traitorous gang, despite the armed intervention of United States imperialists. Since then, the party has been readjusting its internal organization, ruthlessly broken up by Syngman RHEE's despotic regime, and work is now in progress to rehabilitate and expand the party organization around the nucleus of party members who have fought unflinchingly against the enemy. The various cells under this district party branch, however, have not yet succeeded in rooting themselves firmly into the laboring masses to the extent desired by the party. Cells have yet to be organized in several production centers and neighborhoods, and the whole party rehabilitation and expansion program is progressing at extremely slow speed. Furthermore, considerable harm has been done to party enterprise by enlisting as members those whose path is widely divergent from the party line. Following are some of the outstanding examples.

- a) In spite of there being over 2,000 applicants for party membership, no suitable decision has been made regarding them to date. Furthermore, from the "closed door" attitude of some of the railway cells where party growth is nil, there appear to be cells which have deviated from the regular initiation procedures and through perfunctory enlistment to have tended to transform the party organization into a sort of public society.
- b) Qualifications for party membership are clearly specified in party by-laws: that only workers, farmers, and intellectuals who are loyally serving the nation and the people may become members. Yet merchants, industrialists, persons with no clear occupation, dissipated characters, and members of the exploiting class have been accepted into the party in clear violation of the party regulations. As a result, sincere, hard-working and enthusiastic laboring people have not only been blocked from joining the party but also have had their confidence in the party badly shaken. As an example, a man named PAK Mun-chin (박문진), who was accepted into the party through the guarantee of comrades YI Yong-kwan (이영관) and KIL Hong-chin of the Hyechang-dong Cell, is a reactionary who fled from a school in the north and came south in 1948.
- c) There have been instances of party cells accepting new members without approval of a party meeting, in violation of party regulations and individual initiation regulations. For example, in a file on new members submitted to the Organization Committee of the district party branch, over half left blank the space for the signature of the cell leader in the member's personal history Form 16.
- d) A number of leading members of the district party branch and in lower echelons adhere to the mistaken belief that, as a result of severe police suppression under Syngman RHEE, all persons were forced to join one or the other of the reactionary organizations and consequently there are no qualified candidates for membership in South Korea. Thus these men make no effort to promote party growth.

As a result of these defective trends, the current pressing mission of the party, which is to promote both the quantitative and qualitative growth of the party, is endangered. For the same reason, 53 percent of the persons accepted into the party by the cells have been rejected. In view of the seriousness of the state of affairs, the Organization Committee of the district party branch has resolved, in order to overcome the dangerous trend and to promote even more rapid expansion and consolidation of the party, as follows:

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- a) The primary mission of the party is to enlist as members through regular steps those laboring people enthusiastically supporting the struggle for victory, so that the party may grow both quantitatively and qualitatively. At the same time, all trends towards negligence in promoting party growth or towards transforming the party into a sort of public organization through open enlistment should be corrected. Thus those laborers and laboring intellectuals who have fought zealously for the attainment of victory or participated in the rehabilitation projects of the People's Committee and other public bodies should be given regular training and education and then accepted into the party.
- b) In order to insure party growth, elevate the working standard of the government and public organs, and organize and train the prospective candidates for party membership, urgent steps should be taken to insure the employment and assignment of those laboring people desired by the party as lower-grade responsible workers in government and public organs. Also adequate preparations should be made for the acceptance of these men into the party. Comrade KIM Sun-t'ae (金日成), chairman of the district People's Committee, and the chairmen of the Youth and Women's Alliances and the heads of various organizations should see to it that all this work is carried out under the guidance of the party.
- c) In the search for new members, the cells and party members should correct the tendency to conclude that there are no likely candidates for membership without probing deeply into the situation. Instead, they should penetrate deeply among the laboring masses and through individual conversion and education guarantee party growth on a firm foundation. In particular, every party member should fight against the mistaken belief that only Youth Alliance members can become party members, thus closing the door to the middle-aged and older workers and working intellectuals, who have a rich fund of social experience, and who see our enterprise in its true light and support the party enthusiastically. The trend of belittling the work of laboring women and of discriminating against them in party membership should also be corrected.
- d) In accepting new members, the initiation procedures as clearly defined in party regulations were often violated, thus creating opportunities for unscrupulous elements to infiltrate into the party. In order to correct this dangerous trend, all cells and party organs are hereby ordered to adhere strictly to the following procedures:
- 1) All applicants for party membership shall submit an application for admission to the party in their own handwriting, in which they shall state clearly their motives for wishing to join the party. (In case the applicant is illiterate, and only in such a case, someone else may write the application for him.)
 - 2) Upon receipt of the application, the cell should request the applicant to submit his autobiography and produce two guarantors. Their guarantee should cover the applicant's political belief, and the chairman of the cell to which the guarantor belongs should certify at the bottom of the guarantee form that the guarantor is a member of his cell.
 - 3) When the application, autobiography, and guarantee have all been submitted, the cell meeting should be convened to decide on the person. If the application is accepted, the necessary information regarding the

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new member should be formally entered in his Party Member Personal History Statement Form 16, and this and other documents should be submitted to the district party branch.

- 4) Upon receipt of the documents and the minutes of the cell meeting, the Organization Department of the district party branch shall submit them to the Organization Committee within five days.
- 5) When the Organization Committee approves the new member, the Organization Department of the district party branch shall admit the new comrade into an appropriate cell. If the new member is rejected, a rejection notice explaining the reason shall be sent to the nominating cell.

In order to insure strict adherence to these decisions, Comrade CHO Ch'an-tong, head of the Organization Department of the district party branch, shall give constant guidance and training to the various cells.

- e) Every party member, in his daily work, shall look out for persons who may be accepted into the party and educate them through normal steps. Furthermore, once a week, a non-members' study class shall be conducted under the guidance of the cell. These activities of party members shall be organized and planned by the cell, and lecturers needed for the education of party members and non-members shall be supplied by comrade HONG Man-ho, head of the Agit-Prop Department of the district party branch.
- 2) In party rehabilitation work and in conducting the registration of party members, the attitude toward mechanical enforcement of the decisions of superior party organs should be corrected. Instead, appropriate decisions should be made regarding comrades who have applied for registration, and opportunities should be given them to display their loyalty to the party and their initiative in party enterprise, so that they have opportunities and conditions for regaining their good names as party members. Comrade CHO Ch'an-tong shall be responsible for completing the above work on time, and all party members shall cooperate so as to insure successful handling of the task.

3. The second resolution concerns organization of self-defense corps:

- a) In order to realize an early victorious termination of the war, the Organization Committee of Yongsan District party branch has resolved to organize self-defense units, so as to maintain law and order in the rear areas through mobilization and organization of the whole populace; protect factories, offices, transportation facilities, tele-communication organs and other important facilities from sabotage and looting by reactionaries; and effect prompt restoration of the factories, communication facilities, and other important installations that have been destroyed by the enemy.
- b) Within the Yongsan District, the following self-defense units shall be organized: Factory and Office Self-Defense Company, Street Self-Defense Company, and Red Cross Company (women). The battalion headquarters shall be located within the district headquarters.
- c) The command of the district self-defense units shall be composed of the following: Comrade LI Pong-chae (이봉재), vice-chairman of Yongsan District party branch; Comrade KIM Yong-nak (김영낙), training instructor of Yongsan District Internal Affairs Office; Comrade YI Ch'ang-ha, head of the Labor Department of Yongsan District party branch; Comrade YANG Chae-myong (양재명), chairman of Yongsan District Youth Alliance; Comrade

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YI Un-ik (이 은익), head of the Labor Section of Yongsan District People's Committee; and Comrade YI Suk-kyong (이 숙경), chairman of Yongsan District Women's Alliance. The following shall organize and command the companies: Factory and Office Self-Defense Company shall be commanded by Comrade YI Ch'ang-ha and the Street Self-Defense Company shall be commanded by Comrade YANG Chae-ryong.

- d) The battalion headquarters shall give two hours training daily to company commanders and squad leaders. The time and place of training shall be determined by the circumstances. Comrade KIM Yong-nak shall be in charge of this work.
- e) The duties of the Self-Defense Corps shall be as follows:
 - 1) They shall protect factories, offices, communication facilities, and other important installations from enemy sabotage.
 - 2) They shall assist the Internal Affairs Office in the maintenance of law and order in the rear areas.
 - 3) During enemy penetration, they shall be in readiness to be mobilized for front-line duty.
 - 4) They shall be mobilized for the work of reducing to a minimum the effects of enemy air raids.
 - 5) They shall be the labor force in the prompt restoration of factories, communication facilities, etc., destroyed by the enemy.
- f) Qualifications for members: The Self-Defense Corps shall be organized around a nucleus of Labor Party members. Members shall be drawn from the Youth Alliance, Labor Federation, Farmers' League, and Women's Alliance. Men between 16 and 50 and women between 16 and 45 may qualify for membership.
- g) In order to complete the organization of the corps in the shortest possible time, Comrade YI Ch'ang-ha, head of the Labor Department of Yongsan District party branch, shall immediately take charge of organizing the Factory and Office Self-Defense Company; Comrade YANG Chae-ryong, chairman of Yongsan District Youth Alliance, shall take charge of organizing the Street Self-Defense Company; and Comrade YI Un-ik, head of the Labor Section of Yongsan District People's Committee, and Comrade YI Suk-kyong, chairman of Yongsan District Women's Alliance, shall take charge of organizing the Red Cross Company. They shall complete their organization by 12 August, and all materials needed in the organization shall be supplied by Comrade KIM Sun-t'ae, chairman of Yongsan District People's Committee.
- h) Comrade IM Pong-chae shall instruct and supervise the work and see to it that a high political standard is maintained.
- i. On 14 August 1950, the Confidential Document Section of the Yongsan District party branch dispatched a top secret resolution from the Organization Committee reporting discussion of the letter sent by the NKLP Central Committee to all party organs and members. In order that all party organs under the Yongsan District party branch may conduct a fruitful debate on the letter sent by the party Central Committee to all party organs and members, the Organization Committee of the Yongsan District party branch has resolved as follows:

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- a) Comrade CHO Ch'an-tong shall see to it that all cell leaders and members under the district party branch are called to branch headquarters so that they can acquire a correct understanding of the spirit of the letter under the guidance of staff instructors. These cell leaders and members shall in turn conduct effective debates on the letter in their respective cells and firmly enforce concrete organizational measures for victory in the present war.
- b) Discussions of the letter by party cells in important factories and production centers shall be conducted under the direct guidance of key members of the district party branch.
- c) When the letter has been thoroughly understood, general meetings of cells shall guide concrete discussion on realization of the various tasks specified in the letter. In order to realize:
- 1) Growth of the party
 - 2) Support of the Volunteer Army
 - 3) Support of the People's Army
 - 4) Restoration of damaged installations and stepping-up of production
 - 5) Strengthening of labor forces and protection of national properties
 - 6) Organization of Self-Defense Corps

Every party member shall have to struggle in a spirit of self-sacrifice and strive to become the foremost model of the people.

- d) Through discussions of the letter, ideological deviations among members since the outbreak of the war shall be criticized and corrected. Furthermore, all cowardly and discouraged elements, rumor bearers, and deserters within the party shall be suppressed through merciless criticism.
- e) The government organs and social organizations shall also participate in the spirit of the letter and strive toward ideological consolidation of the leaders through convening of meetings and discussions among their respective staff members. This task is entrusted to Comrade KIM Sun-t'ae, Comrade YANG Chae-myong, and Comrade YI Suk-kyong. Moreover, the guidance of the leading workers of labor unions shall be entrusted to Comrade YI Ch'ang-ha and Comrade PAK Yun-t'ae (박 윤 태), in charge of Yongsan District Liaison Office of the Labor Federation.

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